

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-19, 26, 27, 29, and 30 are pending. Of these, claims 1-3, 5, and 7-19 have been allowed. Claim 1 has been amended to correct typographical errors. It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and its dependent claims remain in allowed condition in view of this amendment.

Claims 28-30 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten into independent form to recite the features of their base and intervening claims. Claims 29 and 30 have been rewritten in this manner and claim 26 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 28. Applicants submit that claims 26, 27, 29, and 30 are allowable in view of these amendments.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections in the Office Action and furtherance of the application to allowance is respectfully requested.

Reply to Office Action of September 26, 2008

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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